

the annual update to the H-2A allowable meal charge is calculated by multiplying the current allowable meal charge (\$12.46) by the 12-month percentage change in the CPI-U for Food between December 2018 and December 2019 ($\$12.46 \times 1.018 = \12.68). Accordingly, the updated maximum allowable charge under §§ 655.122(g) and 655.173 is \$12.68 per day, and an employer is not permitted to charge a worker more than \$12.68 per day unless the OFLC Certifying Officer approves a higher charge, as authorized under § 655.173(b).³

Reimbursement for Travel-Related Subsistence

H-2B and H-2A employers must pay reasonable travel and subsistence costs, including the costs of meals and lodging, incurred by workers during travel to the worksite from the place from which the worker has come to work for the employer and from the place of employment to the place from which the worker departed to work for the employer, as well as any such costs incurred by the worker incident to obtaining a visa authorizing entry to the United States for the purpose of H-2A or H-2B employment. *See* §§ 655.122(h)(1)–(2) and 655.20(j)(1)(i)–(ii).

Specifically, an H-2A employer is responsible for providing, paying in advance, or reimbursing a worker for the reasonable costs of daily travel-related subsistence between the employer's worksite and the place from which the worker has come to work for the employer, if the worker completes 50 percent of the work contract period, the employer must provide (or pay at the time of departure) the worker's return costs, upon the worker completing the contract or being dismissed without cause. *See* § 655.122(h)(1)–(2).

Similarly, an H-2B employer is responsible for providing, paying in advance, or reimbursing a worker for the reasonable costs of transportation and daily subsistence between the employer's worksite and the place from which the worker has come to work for the employer if the worker completes 50 percent of the job order period and upon the worker completing the job order period or being dismissed early (for any reason), return costs. *See* § 655.20(j)(1)(i)–(ii).

The minimum amount of daily travel subsistence expense for meals for which a worker is entitled to reimbursement must be at least as much as the

employer would charge for providing the worker with three meals per day during employment (if applicable). Under no circumstances may the employer reimburse workers less than the amount permitted under § 655.173(a) (*i.e.*, the current year's daily meal charge amount of \$12.68). The maximum amount an employer is required to reimburse workers for daily travel-related subsistence, as evidenced with receipts, is equal to the standard Continental United States (CONUS) per diem rate, as established by the General Services Administration (GSA) at 41 CFR part 301, formerly published in Appendix A and now found at <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>. *See* Annual Update to Allowable Charges for Agricultural Workers' Meals and for Travel Subsistence Reimbursement, Including Lodging, 84 FR 10838 (Mar. 22, 2019) (2019 Update). The standard CONUS meals and incidental expenses rate is \$55.00 per day for 2020.⁴ Workers who qualify for travel reimbursement are entitled to reimbursement for meals up to the standard CONUS meals and incidental expenses rate when they provide receipts. In determining the appropriate amount of reimbursement for meals for less than a full day, the employer may limit the meal expense reimbursement, with receipts, to 75 percent of the maximum reimbursement for meals, or \$41.25, based on the GSA per diem schedule. *See*, 2019 Update, 84 FR at 40413. If a worker does not provide receipts, the employer is not obligated to reimburse above the minimum stated at § 655.173, as specified above.

If transportation and lodging are not provided by the employer, the amount an employer must pay for transportation and, where required, lodging must be no less than (and is not required to be more than) the most economical and reasonable costs. The employer is responsible for those costs necessary for the worker to travel to the worksite if the worker completes 50 percent of the work contract period but is not responsible for unauthorized detours. The employer also is responsible for the costs of return transportation and subsistence, including lodging costs where necessary, as described above. These requirements apply equally to instances where the worker is traveling within the U.S. to the employer's

worksite. *See* §§ 655.122(h)(1)–(2) and 655.20(j)(1)(i)–(ii).

For further information on when the employer is responsible for lodging costs, please see DOL's H-2A Frequently Asked Questions on Travel and Daily Subsistence, on OFLC's website at <https://www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov/>.

Signed:

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health; Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Labor.

ACTION: Notice; meeting.

SUMMARY: Announcement of meeting of the Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health (Advisory Board) for the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA).

DATES: The Advisory Board will meet April 15–16, 2020, via teleconference, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time both days.

ADDRESSES: Submission of comments, requests to speak, and materials for the record: You must submit comments, materials, and requests to speak at the Advisory Board meeting by April 8, 2020, identified by the Advisory Board name and the meeting date of April 15–16, 2020, by any of the following methods:

- *Electronically:* Send to: EnergyAdvisoryBoard@dol.gov (specify in the email subject line, for example "Request to Speak: Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health").

- *Mail, express delivery, hand delivery, messenger, or courier service:* Submit one copy to the following address: U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health, Room S-3522, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20210.

Instructions: Your submissions must include the Agency name (OWCP), the committee name (the Advisory Board), and the meeting date (April 15–16, 2020). Due to security-related procedures, receipt of submissions by regular mail may experience significant

³ In 2019, the maximum allowable charge under 20 CFR 655.122(g) and 655.173 was \$12.46 per day. 84 FR 10838 (Mar. 22, 2019).

⁴ Maximum Per Diem Reimbursement Rates for the Continental United States (CONUS), 84 FR 40413 (August 14, 2019); *see also* <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates/mie-breakdown>.

delays. For additional information about submissions, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

OWCP will make available publicly, without charge, any comments, requests to speak, and speaker presentations, including any personal information that you provide. Therefore, OWCP cautions interested parties against submitting personal information such as Social Security numbers and birthdates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For press inquiries: Ms. Laura McGinnis, Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-1028, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-4672; email McGinnis.Laura@DOL.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Board will meet via teleconference: Wednesday, April 15, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time; and Thursday, April 16, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. The teleconference number and other details for participating remotely will be posted on the Advisory Board's website, <http://www.dol.gov/owcp/energy/regs/compliance/AdvisoryBoard.htm>, 72 hours prior to the commencement of the first meeting date. Advisory Board meetings are open to the public.

Public comment session: Wednesday, April 15, 2020, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. Please note that the public comment session ends at the time indicated or following the last call for comments, whichever is earlier. Members of the public who wish to provide public comments should plan to call in to the public comment session at the start time listed.

The Advisory Board is mandated by Section 3687 of EEOICPA. The Secretary of Labor established the Board under this authority and Executive Order 13699 (June 26, 2015). The purpose of the Advisory Board is to advise the Secretary with respect to: (1) The Site Exposure Matrices (SEM) of the Department of Labor; (2) medical guidance for claims examiners for claims with the EEOICPA program, with respect to the weighing of the medical evidence of claimants; (3) evidentiary requirements for claims under Part B of EEOICPA related to lung disease; (4) the work of industrial hygienists and staff physicians and consulting physicians of the Department of Labor and reports of such hygienists and physicians to ensure quality, objectivity, and consistency; (5) the claims adjudication process generally, including review of procedure manual changes prior to incorporation into the manual and claims for medical benefits; and (6) such

other matters as the Secretary considers appropriate. The Advisory Board sunsets on December 19, 2024.

The Advisory Board operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and its implementing regulations (41 CFR part 102-3).

Agenda: The tentative agenda for the Advisory Board meeting includes:

- Review and follow-up on Advisory Board's previous recommendations, data requests, and action items;
- Discussions from Advisory Board working groups;
- Review of claims;
- Review of public comments;
- Review of Board tasks, structure and work agenda;
- Consideration of any new issues; and
- Public comments.

OWCP transcribes and prepares detailed minutes of Advisory Board meetings. OWCP posts the transcripts and minutes on the Advisory Board web page, <http://www.dol.gov/owcp/energy/regs/compliance/AdvisoryBoard.htm>, along with written comments, speaker presentations, and other materials submitted to the Advisory Board or presented at Advisory Board meetings.

Public Participation, Submissions and Access to Public Record

Advisory Board meetings: All Advisory Board meetings are open to the public. Information on how to participate in the meeting remotely will be posted on the Advisory Board's website.

Submission of comments: You may submit comments using one of the methods listed in the **SUMMARY** section. Your submission must include the Agency name (OWCP) and date for this Advisory Board meeting (April 15-16, 2020). OWCP will post your comments on the Advisory Board website and provide your submissions to Advisory Board members.

Because of security-related procedures, receipt of submissions by regular mail may experience significant delays.

Requests to speak and speaker presentations: If you want to address the Advisory Board at the meeting you must submit a request to speak, as well as any written or electronic presentation, by April 8, 2020, using one of the methods listed in the **SUMMARY** section. Your request may include:

- The amount of time requested to speak;
- The interest you represent (*e.g.*, business, organization, affiliation), if any; and
- A brief outline of the presentation.

PowerPoint presentations and other electronic materials must be compatible with PowerPoint 2010 and other Microsoft Office 2010 formats. The Advisory Board Chair may grant requests to address the Board as time and circumstances permit.

Electronic copies of this **Federal Register** notice are available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. This notice, as well as news releases and other relevant information, are also available on the Advisory Board's web page at <http://www.dol.gov/owcp/energy/regs/compliance/AdvisoryBoard.htm>.

For further information regarding this meeting, you may contact Michael Chance, Designated Federal Officer, at chance.michael@dol.gov, or Carrie Rhoads, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, at rhoads.carrie@dol.gov, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Suite S-3524, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 343-5580.

This is not a toll-free number.

Signed at Washington, DC.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are planning to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) renew its approval for us to engage in the following information collection consisting of National Archives Trust Fund (NATF) order forms for genealogical research in the National Archives. The NATF forms included in this information collection are: NATF 84, National Archives Order for Copies of Land Entry Files; NATF 85, National Archives Order for Copies of Pension or Bounty Land Warrant Applications; and NATF 86, National Archives Order for Copies of Military Service Records. We invite you to comment on the proposed information collection.

DATES: We must receive comments in writing on or before May 19, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent by email to tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov.